

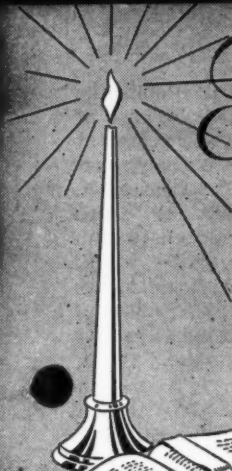
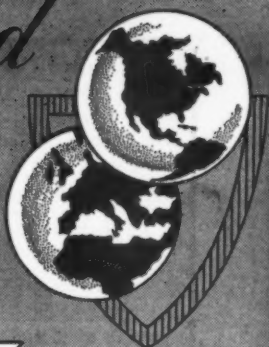


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3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
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Alabama	1,542
Arizona	117
Arkansas	174
California	404
Colorado	32
Connecticut	9
Delaware	43
Florida	1,414
Georgia	2,503
Idaho	18
Illinois	246
Indiana	242
Iowa	66
Kansas	106
Kentucky	806
Louisiana	363
Maine	92
Maryland	160
Massachusetts	3
Michigan	474
Minnesota	27
Mississippi	499
Missouri	223
Montana	74
Nebraska	31
Nevada	15
New Jersey	42
New Mexico	44
New York	61
North Carolina	2,746
North Dakota	115
Ohio	478
Oklahoma	356
Oregon	43
Pennsylvania	310
South Carolina	2,388
South Dakota	88
Tennessee	858
Texas	558
Utah	1
Virginia	619
Washington	54
Washington, D. C.	32
West Virginia	950
Wisconsin	13
Wyoming	3
Foreign	310
Western Canada	11
Central Canada	11
TOTAL	19,939

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The group on our front page is the
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NOTICES

I am in the evangelistic work and
the Lord is surely blessing our ef-
forts. If you need an evangelist, you
may contact me.—R. H. Swain, Route
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SPECIAL



As in previous years, the books of
the General Headquarters of the
Church of God will close for the fiscal
year at noon July 31, 1950. All monies
to be included in this Assembly year
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lishing House accounts should be sent
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PRAY FOR:

The healing of my body; my wife.—C. I.
Washington, Oakley, Calif.

The healing of my body; me to overcome
very hard temptation.—Mrs. J. W. W., Denver,
Colo.

Me to be healed.—Mrs. Cleveland Honey-
cutt, Wendell, N. C.

My granddaughter to be healed of ulcers
of the mouth; her mother and dad to be
saved; my other two boys and daughter.—
Mrs. J. M. Parker, Whitfield, Miss.

A very special unspoken request for prayer.
—Mrs. H. F. McManus, Auburn, Miss.

My daughter, who has had a nervous
breakdown, to be saved and healed; my two
sons and my husband.—Mrs. S. Deal, Riviera
Beach, Fla.

God to save my wife and restore my broken
home.—Emerson Hudson, Sylacauga, Ala.

Editorial...

THE CHRIST, THE CROSS, THE CHRISTIAN

As the cross of Christ stood between the two thieves on Golgotha's hill, so also does the cross stand between Christ and the Christian, as well as sinners. The cross, according to Scripture, was associated in the mind of God with Christ, who should eventually take on another phase of life, humanity, and thereby become Christ Jesus. Since God has been, Christ has been, and when man forfeited his spiritual relationship with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, in the Garden of Eden, Christ as Jesus the Lamb of God who was to eventually take away the sins of the world, was set forth in prophecy even from the lips of God Himself, types and shadows, until that blessed moment came when He was born, in keeping with prophecy, in Bethlehem of Judea.

From the very earliest phase of His ministry, the cross was before Him as the means by which He was to provide atonement for all who would accept His shed blood. Little did the Israelites realize that the brazen serpent upon which they looked in the wilderness and were healed, even in their dying moments of venomous bite of the fiery serpent, was a type of Christ on the cross. But it was, and Jesus very fittingly said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." Again He said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me," and, of course, He signified by these words the nature of the death He was to die. He was not to be stoned according to Jewish custom, but to be crucified, and this He knew long before it took place, as is clearly set forth in the following scriptures: Matt. 16:21, "From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day." Matt. 20:17-19, "And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again." Matt. 26:2, "Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified."

It was this crucifixion-experience on the cross, as well as the brutality He was to suffer in the mock trial and the death march to the cross, that constituted the bitter cup that He was talking to His Father about in the Garden of Gethsemane. Even the full realization of what He was to suffer in a few hours reduced His body and mind to such excruciating pain that blood burst forth from the pores of His skin to mingle with His sweat, yet He did not become faint-hearted. That was His mission; He was not a coward; He would be true to it. In this connection, a greater compliment could not be bestowed upon Him than that by the writer of Hebrews, in chapter 12, verse 2, who said, "Who for the joy that was set before him ENDURED THE CROSS, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Christ knew that since it was His Father's plan in

His all wise economy that He, as Jesus, die on the cross and shed His precious blood so the lost world could have the new and living way by which to come back to Him, He could not afford to let anything or any person stand between Him and the cross. The thing that inspired Him perhaps more than anything else was the thought of the joy that would be His when His suffering, blood-shedding, and evil treatment unto death was over; to have the smiles of His Father's approval upon Him; and to know that He had provided the plan of eternal redemption which would bring all who would believe in Him and His atoning blood back into a oneness with God the Father. Therefore, here, as well as when Simon Peter confessed Him to be Christ the Son of the Living God, He revealed to him that He must die at the instigation of the priests and scribes, for which Simon Peter rebuked Him and said, "Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee." His answer was, "Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." He went to the cross, and, despite the invitation to come down from the cross as a proof that He was the Son of God, He stayed on the cross until He finished the plan of redemption through His blood.

Following the rebuke that He gave to Simon Peter, He introduces the fact that there is a cross-life for the Christian, for He said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Why did Christ go to the cross? why did He die on the cross? The answer is, For lost mankind. You remember that great text, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Paul, in Col. 1:20,21 says, "And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself: by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled." So then, the first person who is benefited by Christ and the cross is the sinner, as set forth plainly in this last verse.

Paul tells us, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish, foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God." It was due to the fact that Christ was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, that this saving gospel could be preached, of which Paul said he was not ashamed, "for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jews first, and also to the Greek." So it was Christ before the cross and on the cross; now it is the Christian on this side of the cross, through the glorious fact that Jesus died on the cross and was buried and, true to His promise, was resurrected on the third day, who made it possible for sinners to become Christians on this side of the cross. By a Christian becoming so definitely in love with the cross that it loses all of its shame and reproach, his attitude becomes that of Paul when he exclaimed, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

The cross is not only the Christian's glory, but his example, as 1 John 3:16 sets forth, "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." This, I

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Langley, Bath, Clearwater Graduates

By G. F. Dempsey, Pastor, Langley, S. C.



The Church of God at Langley, S. C. and their pastor, G. F. Dempsey, were delighted to have as their guest the Rev. J. D. Bright, Editor-in-Chief of Church of God publications, for the week end of May 21, 1950.

Brother Bright arrived in the late afternoon of the 20th and delivered a wonderful message to the Saturday evening congregation, youth night at the Langley Church. His subject was "The Blessed Privileges of Being a Christian." This wonderful message was enjoyed by all.

On Sunday morning at 8:30, Brother Bright delivered our broadcast message in Augusta over WGAC, and the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Langley, Bath, Clearwater High School at 11:30. This service was held in the First Baptist Church, because of the advantage in seating capacity. An estimated audience of six hundred heard Brother Bright deliver his timely and inspiring address on the subject "How to Live On and On." The splendid graduating class is shown above.

Sunday night service opened with a capacity crowd in attendance. Devotions began with such singing as only Spirit-filled Christians can do. Brother Bright was at his best with a message that was instructive, evangelistic, and inspiring. At the close of the message the altar was filled with those who were brought under the conviction and those desiring a closer walk with God as a result of the sermon.

The closing of this service, with handshakes and goodbyes, ended a visit that will be pleasantly remembered by this church and pastor as the days go by.

Editor's Note: It was indeed a delightful privilege to accept Brother Dempsey's cordial invitation on behalf of the Langley, Bath, Clearwater High School Commencement Committee to deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the lovely group of graduates, as well as to be in the Church of the host pastor Rev. McGraw. I discovered he was formerly a pastor in Chattanooga, Tenn. The graduating group,

as I am sure you are convinced by looking at them, was a real compliment to the principal, C. H. Munch, and the entire faculty.

My visit with Brother Dempsey's family and church was indeed pleasant. In the first place, I recall that it was my happy privilege as his state overseer, a number of years ago, to sign his ministerial license. It has been indeed gratifying to note the regular progress that he has been making as one of our outstanding ministers. I discovered upon my arrival that there had not only been a new church built at Langley, but built in a new location, which has added much to the value of the property and convenience of those who attend the services. It is a beautiful brick church with full Sunday School basement and has some of the very best members to be found anywhere in the Church of God. Those members have not only an excellent pastor, but their pastor has a good family. It was a delight to be entertained in the Dempsey home.

The Superiority of the Church Over an Individual

By Carl Green, Pastor, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The Church is composed of an organized group of believers. When speaking of an individual walking down the street, you would not say, "There goes the Church," but rather, "There goes a Christian." All can become Christians and be filled with the Spirit; yet no individual can possibly possess the characteristics or potency of the Church.

There is a spiritual aspect to the Church, also a physical and tangible. The latter depends upon the first. To become a member of the body of Christ we must be born again, John 3:3-5. 1 Cor. 12:13 says we are all baptized into one body by one Spirit. Thus, in Acts 2:47 we find the Lord adding to the Church daily such as should be saved. The only way to receive this experience is by faith in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, Eph. 2:8; John 3:16.

Yet, the physical church is made up of these born-again Christians. In Matt. 16:18 Christ told Peter that upon this rock I will build my church. To build a church one must have material. As the Lord's Church is not made of wood, rock, or any other material thing, He must have some spiritual matter with which to work. Thus, when Peter believed in Him with his whole heart and confessed Him as the very Son of God, willing to follow Him even unto death, he became material to be used in the Church of Jesus Christ. The Lord realized for a church to operate for His glory it must be made of people who had been born again, those who had gotten rid of the devil nature and were filled with the Holy Ghost. This is exactly what each church member should have in his soul today.

This organized group of born-again Christians called the Church of God is more superior to any individual, regardless of how much power or influence he may possess. God respects His Church. In Matt. 16:18, it is stated that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church. The devil has been successful in destroying men's lives in all walks of life. Many have so scaled the heights of God's ladder of success only to be devoured by the wiles of Satan, but the Church continues.

In Matt. 18:17 the final authority to disfellowship a backslidden member from a church comes from action taken by the whole church. There is no individual who has been granted the power to excommunicate a person from the church. God recognizes the decision of the church in this matter. In Acts 12 Peter is in jail waiting until after the Passover to be killed. The church gathers at the home of one of the members and begins a prayer meeting. They prevail and God sends an angel to release Peter. When the church begins to pray, then a revival comes. James 5:14, 15. "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick." God honors the prayer of the elders because they represent His Church. Thus we see that God respects and honors His Church which is designed to operate for His glory.

The Bible gives us some reason why the Church of God has such great power and influence. Eph. 1:22 says that Christ is the head of the Church. In one sense, He is the head of every Christian, but in 1 Cor. 12 we find we are all members of one body and Christ is the head. Thus in Eph. 5:29 Christ nourishes and cherishes the Church. There are many who are spiritually deficient because they are not in contact with the Church which is designed to feed and nourish.

How is the Church nourished? The Bible tells us. First it is by the order of the ministry. 1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11-14. In these verses we find that God placed IN THE CHURCH, apostles, evangelists, pastors and teachers. These are placed in the Church for the perfecting of the saints, for the edifying of the body of Christ. When a man is called of God to preach or minister the gospel, he is to do it in the Church, for the glory of the Church. Most independent preachers use their ministry to build themselves up, seeking their own glory. Each minister needs to do his ministering in the Church and each Christian needs to be in the Church to receive it.

Then there are the gifts of the Spirit that are placed in the Church.

1 Cor. 12:8-10 lists these gifts: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues, and interpretation of tongues. In the 28th verse you will see that God has placed these gifts in the Church. In verses 29, 30 we find these questions: "Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?" All Christians who are baptized with the Holy Ghost are eligible for one or more of these ministries and gifts, yet the Church possesses them all for the glory of God. If anyone receives a gift of the Spirit, it is to be used in and for the Church.

One thought more. As the Church is so close to the heart of God and is the channel through which God feeds and nourishes His people, we should be very careful to make the Church our most cherished object in life. Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it. He desires not to save a few individuals, but to present the Church to Himself a glorious Church without spot or blemish or any such thing.

The minister should feed the Church which Christ hath purchased with His own blood. He is not to build himself, but only is to build a good strong church. Most churches that almost go to pieces when a certain pastor leaves it is the results of a self-centered pastor. Each member of a church should strive for unity. The members should not get their hearts set on any certain pastor, but should try to build a strong church that could operate for the glory of God.

I once read of a preacher who pastored a little church in England for a number of years. He left this small church and went to one of the largest in New York. A few years later he visited the little church in England which he still loved. One of the members of the large church went with the pastor. This member proceeded to thank the church for sending them such a wonderful pastor. They replied, "Give us 10 more years and we will give you another one just like him." We need more great churches which are definitely consecrated to God's will and purpose.

STUDENT MINISTER



Raymond J. Varnell was born January 20, 1923. He was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost during May of 1939 and joined the Church of God the same month at Dalton, Georgia. The evangelist was Sister Helen L. Morrow.

Brother Varnell was reared in a Church of God home. His mother was a Church of God member, filled with the Holy Ghost even before he was born. He was married in September 1942. His wife is a member of the Church of God. He is the father of two girls, ages three and five years.

Brother Varnell was called to preach at the age of sixteen; he was licensed to the ministry in 1947. He served three years in the Army; one of the three years was spent overseas. He enrolled in Lee College February, 1946, and is a graduate of our High School, Religious Education, and Junior College divisions. He has been a very active and well liked student.

Brother Varnell will be available this summer for work on the field. He has served as student-pastor for two years. His fondest hopes and dreams are to serve his Master as a state youth director or in whatever capacity he may be of service.

REV. RAY COLLINS PLANS NEW CHURCH

... his flock is being crowded
out of pasture

One might expect to wait three months for a ticket to Broadway's "South Pacific," but the rush of sinners to church is usually more halting. Nevertheless, Rev. Ray Collins, of the South Gastonia, N. C., Church of God, received a letter from Mount Holly this week saying: "I have been to your church three Sundays in a row and I haven't been able to get inside yet."

Now, what's this all about?

Well, two weeks ago, there were 703 present for Sunday School at the South Gastonia church. The figure was 631 last Sunday. Nearly every Sunday night some 700 pack into the small church and yard.

Naturally, accommodations are at a premium, and the Reverend Collins and his members are making plans to tear down the old church structure and erect a more commodious one. A building fund has been created, and now boasts a total of some \$4,000. The goal is to raise \$10,000 within the next two months.

The Sunday School class of junior boys will be glad to see the project completed, because the overflow crowds on Sunday have crowded them out under the trees on the church lawn, where they have been lounging on the grass to hear the Sunday School lesson.

Other classes of the church also are large. Last Sunday there were 230 present in the Mother's class and 112 in the Men's Bible class. Members come from all over the city and from various places in the county.

A freewill offering taken in the interest of the building fund last Sunday amounted to more than \$400.

FOURTEEN IN MINISTRY

The Reverend Collins believes interest in the services has been stirred in part by his WLTC hour-long Church of the Air each Sunday morning from 8 to 9 o'clock, and his 5:30 to 6 air messages each Monday evening. These programs bring in some 100 letters a day, he said. In fact, Rev.

Collins was the first preacher to be heard over WLTC when it opened up here in March, 1948.

The South Gastonia Church of God has 14 former members now engaged actively in the ministry, which is a good record for any church.

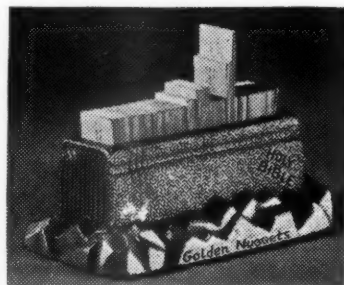
One of the most popular musical groups in South Gastonia is the Toney Trio, widely known for its radio work and public appearances, which sings regularly at the South Gastonia Church of God.

The pastor also is known as a church builder. While pastor at High Shoals for four years he was instrumental in building a church and parsonage, and while at Paw Creek for three years, he built a church.

Rev. Collins was born in Patrick County, Va. (as was his wife), in 1908. He is a son of the Rev. G. C. Collins, pastor of a Church of God at Thomasville, and the late Mrs. Rebecca Dalton Collins, of Virginia.

Rev. and Mrs. Collins have ten children, ranging from two to 23 years and five grandchildren.

Rev. Collins was a furniture worker at Thomasville at the time of his conversion, and he determined to enter the ministry. He studied at the Church of God training school at Kannapolis. He is extremely interested in seeing young people ambitious to do full-time religious work.



Here is one of the most distinctive decorations the Christian home could possibly have. These scripture cards are suited for many uses, and are of vital importance to those who find the busy day. The holder is beautiful. From a base of "golden nuggets" (gilded plaster of Paris) rises a gilded tray in which the Scripture portions are contained. To prevent table scratching, the bottom of the base is felted. It is the ideal and beautiful way to have the Word of God convenient at all times. . . . Price \$1.50.

This attractive holder is shaped and colored like a loaf of bread, and contains precious Scripture verses that are in truth the "Bread of Life." Its appearance in the home seems to compel reading of the Word of God. Price . . . \$1.25

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Reports

WEST POINT, MISS., DISTRICT CONVENTION

One of the best conventions I have ever attended was the West Point District Convention which convened at the Starkville church, April 21-23. The spiritual tide was high from the beginning to the last. There was not so much shouting, but you could feel the presence of God and the fellowship was splendid. We had some of the finest singing and preaching that I have ever heard. It seemed that everyone was acting under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. Most of the churches on the district were fairly well represented, and some visitors were there from other districts. Among the speakers were Revs. J. L. Lombard, W. R. Messer, John L. Byrd, our state overseer, Hal. B. Rushing, and J. W. Chancy. On Sunday morning the ministers gave the reports for their respective churches. The mission offering exceeded last year's offering for the same period by over \$200. Surely every child of God went home a better Christian, with a greater vision and a greater determination to do something for God.—Bernard Thornton, Reporter.

GREAT HOME-COMING AT DURHAM, N. C.

The West Durham Church held its annual home-coming May 28. At the eleven o'clock service our guest speaker was Rev. Norman Cunningham, pastor of the Church of God at New Castle, Pa. At one o'clock hundreds of people gathered around a well-filled table. We enjoyed fellowship with hundreds of people from Durham and our district churches.

During the afternoon service, singing was rendered by the district church, after which our pastor, Brother Roland Verrico, gave a report on the rapid progress of our church. He came to the church February 2, 1947. At that time the Sunday School attendance was 27; at present it is 376. The church membership was 27; at present it is 273; the tithes were less than \$5.00; last month they were \$1,200. The church owns \$57,000 worth of property. This home-coming day was one of expectancy for us and our pastor, because he had asked God for \$1,000 to be used on the new addition to our church, which we have already begun. God gave over \$1,200, for which we praise

His wonderful name. The West Durham Church of God has all Durham churches wondering what next. The progress has been so rapid they know God is in it. The leader of this church is untiring in his efforts to lead the people on to greater things for God. We know God's hand of blessing is upon him and his family.

As we review the many blessings that have been, are, and will be ours, we are filled with an unutterable longing to do more for our Saviour each passing day. Just to meditate on what this event has meant fills our souls with humble gratitude and praise.—Alpha Adams, Reporter.

GOD'S REVIVAL-HURRICANE HITS CAPITAL OF EASTERN CAROLINA, ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

This can hardly describe the great revival that recently came to a close at the Church of God in Rocky Mount, N. C.

Rev. A. V. Childers began a revival in the church at Rocky Mount, N. C., which ran for several weeks. People came from everywhere until the doors, aisles, and yard were full. After this went on for sometime people told us they came hours ahead of time to try to find seats but to no avail. We persuaded Brother Childers to send for his tent. It was set up behind the church. My, how the power of God reigned throughout the services! People came running and screaming to the altar. Never before have we seen such great conviction as seized the hearts of the people, and they surrendered all to Jesus.

One night alone 17 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and began to speak in other tongues. On the very next night 14 received the Holy Ghost. Not one night passed without someone getting a definite experience from the Lord. During the day the ladies would meet at the church and pray. Numbers prayed through to the Holy Ghost even during their services.

We have always read about landslide revivals elsewhere and wondered why we never had any great ones in Rocky Mount. People fasted and prayed. Brother Earl Johnson fasted for 22 days; our pastor, Rev. G. F. Carter, fasted over one week, and numbers of the members fasted days and days until a heaven-sent atmosphere was already reigning in the church before the revival began.

People were praying through in our regular services.

One of the major reasons for Brother Childers' success is the prayers of his God-fearing, God-loving, and God-trusting wife. Our church here has a youth center completely equipped with an evangelist's apartment. Sister Childers closed her home in Asheville, took the children out of school there, and enrolled them here and moved into the evangelist's apartment at our youth center. We enjoyed having her and the children with us.

The good wrought in this revival will never be forgotten by people here and all over eastern Carolina. 310 were saved, 293 sanctified, 193 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and 101 united with the church. Our Sunday School has begun to grow; we are averaging over 300 every month in Sunday School now.

We are forced to enlarge our church. Brother Childers was not satisfied with just preaching. He wanted to help us get started on the new addition; so he raised \$500 to put on the adjoining lot next to the church and \$1,300 to begin the building program. We feel greatly honored to have had Brother and Sister Childers with us.

Pray for us in Rocky Mount to keep moving on for the Lord. We have an able and willing leader in our pastor, Rev. G. F. Carter, and his wife. We deeply appreciate them and their family; they really are a blessing to us.—Reporter, Roy M. Glosson.

Girl's Stories of Great Women

By Elsie E. Egermeier

The life of every girl is patterned after an ideal. She needs courageous, helpful, and spiritual ideals to follow. These stories put within her a desire to make her life, even while young, a blessing and help to those around her.

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FELLOWSHIP

By Evangelist, Lindsey F. Pratt, 303 Walnut St., Lindale, Ga.

TEXT: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common," Acts 2:42-44.

In reading the story of the disciples from the crucifixion of Jesus through the day of Pentecost, our hearts are made to rejoice at their joy, share their sadness when they are sad, and wonder in amazement at the many mighty miracles which they did. The greatest of these miracles was how a band of 120 people (Acts 1:15) could stand as one great rock of defense for a gospel that had been rejected by most of the religious leaders of that day and by the great nation which God had so wonderfully blessed until, by the power of that great gospel, thousands were gloriously saved.

Certainly there must be a number of reasons WHY the gospel of Christ has spread practically all over the world.

One of the main reasons is found in Acts 2:42, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and

FELLOWSHIP . . .

Fellowship is and always will be a **must** to the success of anything when more than one person is involved.

By Christian fellowship we mean "that spirit which binds together by the love and spirit of God for the purpose of winning lost souls for His kingdom, and which carries the wonderful story of Jesus to a world engulfed in spiritual darkness that His light may shine upon them and bring them salvation."

The Greek rendering for "fellowship" in this scripture is beautiful in meaning:

1. **PARTNERSHIP.** It is certain if we are to win lost souls, we must be partners in the business of our King.

2. **A SHARER.** We must share in the responsibilities of this great fight. Too many have drifted into a spirit of "I don't want to—let the other fellow do it." My friend, if that is your condition, it is an outward sign of a heart that does not really love the Lord.

3. **AN ASSOCIATE.** We **MUST** associate, or work together, if we would win.

I have often wondered just what Simon Peter, the great apostle who stood on the day of Pentecost and delivered such a wonderful message to the same angry mob which, just a few days prior, had howled like a pack of hungry wolves for the blood of the Son of God, would think if he could see our "isms and "ologies" and spirit of devouring one another. Some say, "If you are not with me, too bad"; another over here cries, "We are the one—look at our great membership." Yet we all say we are going to the same place! Sometimes I wonder . . .

Now I do not think the greatest trouble with the church world is lack of fellowship of organizations, but so little fellowship among members of local churches.

To me, one of the lowest sins in all the world is something you see quite frequently in this day. That is, when you are around someone to pretend he is one of the best friends you have, and the minute he is gone see just how much you can say against him. After careful observation, I am beginning to believe the greatest percentage of personal ideas and opinions are nothing but the devil's lies which he has put into the minds of some people.

One great thing that brought fellowship among God's people, of which I am afraid we lack so much today, was: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles'

DOCTRINE . . .

You will notice the scripture says they "continued," kept going. In the face of great opposition they kept going. I wonder what some of our "religious sissies" of today would do if they should have to face some of the things this band of "gold-tried-in-the-fire" had to face? Some today, when you preach the truth, squirm in their pews like a piece of fish bait, but, my friend, Jesus said heaven and earth would pass away, but His words would never pass away. It will stand! Will you? Some ministers today, just because some of the members of their

congregation will not continue in the doctrine, will not preach it. My friend, that does not change the doctrine that was taught by Jesus Himself to the apostles, and they continued **STEDFASTLY** in the same.

The next clause of verse 42 says,

"IN BREAKING OF BREAD."

Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 10:16b-17, "The bread we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread."

Since that bread is the body of Christ, when the disciples were breaking bread, they were not only having fellowship one with another, but a personal communion with Christ. If we are having personal communion with Him today, there will naturally be a great spirit of fellowship.

Staying away from the church just because you are not personally consulted about everything and everything is not conducted as you desire; pouting like a little child who desires petting; refusing to fellowship God's people because of your selfish desires; finding fault with everything and everybody; talking about whom you choose; having a spirit of stubbornness, saying, "I will do as I please," and "It is none of your business"—all these things are signs that the possessor of such needs the breaking of bread (personal communion with Jesus Christ).

But it IS some of my business how people who are called by His name talk and act. In Eph. 4:11-13 Paul says, "And he (Jesus) gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Also, 1 Cor. 12:28 tells us that God set these in the Church. In this group is included governments, which some want to shun, but good government will work to a good fellowship.



Rev. Lindsey F. Pratt

If you would be interested in any of those gifts Paul tells us about in the 31st verse of the same chapter, I will show the more excellent way to obtain such. In 1 Corinthians 13 we are given the great chapter of love, which is perfect fellowship.

If none of these things have moved you to a desire for a greater Christian fellowship, then you need the last clause of verse 42 of our text: "... And in

PRAYERS"

Old-fashioned prayer until the Spirit begins to pray for us will work miracles. Yes, some may say this is not so, but Rom. 8:26 says, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." We need prayer meetings where the soul cries out to God for help until people are stirred by the Spirit of God.

What has been a mystery to me, is how some people can stay away from prayer meetings, and sometimes other services, and when they **TAKE THE NOTION** to go to church, arrive with a smile on their faces, looking like they could tell God to "come down off Your throne ... I am here now." God have mercy on such people.

Notice in verse 43 of our text that after they continued in the doctrine, fellowship, communion with Christ, and prayers, that

"FEAR

(conviction that the Holy Ghost was with them) came upon every soul: and

many wonders and signs were done by the apostles."

If we have the great fellowship today, many wonders and signs can be done by God's ministers (not hypocrites). Yes, it is possible today. With love and fellowship God will work greater miracles among His people. Jesus said a house divided against itself shall not stand. If we are to stand, we must stand together.

If Godly fear is to come upon people today to convict them of sin and iniquity, we must do as the first clause of verse 44 says, "And all that believed were

TOGETHER."

"Together" does not mean as some are today, against one another, but every one **FOR** the other. In unity and fellowship there is strength; in division there is weakness.

According to Webster, "fellowship" means "any union or association, especially a company of equals or friends."

We must realize that to God all men are equal.

After all, we all started from the same pile of dirt and all talked alike and probably had better fellowship un-

til false religion (the Tower of Babel) came along to make division. God help us to steer clear of all false religions and keep a true Christian fellowship in our midst.

Let us make a covenant as did David in Psalms 119:63. "I am a companion of **ALL** them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts."

Let us strive to be a Christian companion (one of a pair, of **SET**, of like things) to all Christian people and one of those who love and keep His Word.

A lack of fellowship is due to failure to walk in the light of God's Word. 1 John 1:7, "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Let us continue in the apostles' doctrine with such great Christian fellowship until we can prove to a lost world that salvation is as real as God Himself. After this short life has been spent for Him, we shall have that personal fellowship with God the Father, His Son, Christ Jesus, the blessed Holy Ghost, and all the saints of all ages, in that celestial city on the shores of God's eternal paradise.

Testimonies

GRIMESLAND, N. C.—I am a young lady twenty-three years of age. I am also a shut-in. I have arthritis and haven't been able to walk for almost fifteen years, but I'm so glad because I know I am one of God's children. I am saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and on my way to heaven. I want everyone to pray that God will heal me if it is His will.—Miss Magdalene Baker.

THOMASVILLE, Ga.—I praise God for healing my daughter of nosebleed. I know if God had not healed her she would have died.—Mrs. Susie Floyd.

JOHNSONVILLE, S. C.—I praise the Lord for the way He has kept me. I get joy out of serving Him. He has always been a Friend to me.—Bill Eadey.

RESACA, Ga.—I praise God for saving, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost, and that I am a member of the Church of God. I praise Him for relieving me of a severe cold.—Ann Timms.

AMELIA, Va.—I praise the Lord for what He means to me. I praise Him for healing me of a severe hurting in my chest.—Mrs. Ernestine Wagner.

WOODLAWN, Va.—I am glad that thirteen months ago God saw fit to reclaim me, then last June He sanctified me; and He really did bless my soul on August 24, when He gave me the Holy Ghost. A few months ago I would take severe attacks with my gall bladder and it seemed I just couldn't eat anything unless it hurt me. But Brother Reesor prayed for me and the healing power of God encircled me and I was healed. I'm really thanking God for wonderful sweet deliverance that He has given me.—A Sister.

LYONS, Ga.—I thank and praise God for the way He has been blessing us in trusting Him for everything. I praise Him for healing me when Brother Valdez prayed for me in his healing service at Hazlehurst, Ga. I praise the Lord for healing my aunt of cancers in her mouth and in her

body. The doctor said she had only a few days to live, but when she had an X-ray after we prayed for her, he pronounced her perfectly well. One of our neighbors was healed of lung trouble that he had had for many years.—Rev. Ella Ross.

TITUS, Ga.—I praise God for what He is to me, because He will never forsake us. My head rose on both sides and I am almost deaf. I want all who read this to please pray for me that God will heal me. I know it can be done because I have been healed before.—Flora Ledford.

ROCK HILL, S. C.—I praise God for the way He touched my body when I had the flu. I'm glad for the wonderful abiding Holy Ghost. My determination to work for the Lord seems stronger than ever before. I trust that the Lord will make the closing days of my life the greatest for His cause and glory.—Mrs. Nellie Septon.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.—I praise God for what He means to me. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I also praise Him for His healing power. He has healed me of ulcer of the stomach and He has also healed my children many times. One night I had an awful cold. I knew God would heal and I placed the Evangel on my chest and prayed. The next morning I felt much better, for which I give God the praise. I am so glad I joined a Church of God. It is wonderful to feel the presence and power of God.

LIVE OAK, Fla.—I praise and thank God for all His goodness, mercies, and wonderful works to me and mine. February 22 we had a twister and it blew our house completely down, but, praise God, we all escaped without anyone being hurt. Oh, how I thank and praise my Lord for His wonderful help and protection in this. I do want to do more for my blessed Saviour than ever before.—Mrs. Evelyn Baker.

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.—I praise the Lord for healing me of what the doctors said was high blood and heart trouble. I praise His wonderful name for hearing and answering prayer.—Mrs. W. F. Garren.

HAMILTON, Ohio—I praise the Lord for healing me of kidney stones. After suffering for about ten months I was healed. Then one month later I had

an attack in the right side, but while Rev. E. E. Winters and some of the saints of the Hamilton Church prayed, I was healed again. I also was healed of a stroke in my left side while I was assistant pastor of the Hamilton Church in 1946.—Rev. James Combs.

ALBEMARLE, N. C.—I praise the Lord for healing my heart. Doctors said it skipped beats, but they couldn't do anything about it. Rev. Randall L. Geren, of Cleveland, Tenn., prayed for me and my heart has not missed many beats since that time. Christians, please help me pray that God will send conviction on my husband and save him before it is too late.—Mrs. Eltis Burleson.

SUMNER, Ill.—I praise God for His healing touch on my body. I am thankful for the privilege of trusting

GOSPELETTES

By REV. MANUEL F. CAMPBELL,
PASTOR SOMERSET, KENTUCKY

GUMDROPS

You can't pray well with it; you can't sing well with it; you can't talk well with it, so WHY CHEW GUM IN CHURCH?

The Bible instructs us to lay up treasures in heaven—not wads of chewing gum under church pews.

If you must act the goat in church and chew, try being a refined goat and take the gum back outside with you!

FOUND! Twenty-five wads of blow and flat gum, owner may have by sneaking up and scraping it off of church pews while no one is watching.

and serving one like Jesus. By his help I want to be faithful.—Mrs. Basil E. McCoy.

LEXINGTON, N. C.—I praise the Lord for His wonderful goodness to me. I praise Him for healing me of anemia. The Lord has really blessed here in Lexington. We have just had a three weeks' revival conducted by Brother Lendhart. We are moving into a beautiful new church. God is truly blessing us.—Mrs. Hazel Cooper.

WEBBERS FALLS, Okla.—I thank the Lord for His healing power. Last October I sent in a request for prayer for a varicose ulcer on my foot. By the time my letter reached there my foot began to get better. It isn't completely well yet, but I am still trusting in the Lord. I've been healed many times.—Mrs. Lydia Burr.

I praise God for old-time salvation. I had my left ankle broken last August and the doctor told me I had a permanent disability. Up until about three weeks ago I could not walk on the ground or any place that was not level unless I would hurt my ankle. I went to church and asked for prayer that God would heal my ankle and thank God, He healed me. God also healed my husband and me of very bad colds. I really praise God for victory through the blood and a desire He has given me to serve Him.—Rinda Ramey.

FORT WENTWORTH, Ga.—I praise the Lord for answering prayer. My fifteen-year-old brother got shot in the arm and the doctors thought they would have to take his arm off, but God healed him and his arm is well.—Jeanette Jackson.

ODUM, Ga.—I praise the Lord for His mercy and kindness and for the desire I have to serve Him. I'm still praising Him for healing my eyes when the doctors and all else failed. I want to stay on the firing line for Him.—Bill Thompson.

N. CANTON, Ohio—First of all I praise God for Jesus. I just learned recently I had a very large tumor. I refused to go to the hospital, for I knew our Jesus was able to heal me. I was anointed with oil and prayed for by our good pastor, Rev. W. P. Stallings. I love the Lord with all my heart, for He has saved my soul, sanctified me, and filled me with heaven's good Holy Ghost. On March 30, while praying at the altar, the Lord marvelously healed me.—Mrs. Harold Dall.

Boy's Stories of Great Men

By Elsie E. Egermeier

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SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

DIVERS FIND ARMADA VESSEL; CARRIED GOLD, LEGEND SAYS

TOBERMORY, Scotland.—Royal navy divers claimed today they have found a Sixteenth Century Spanish treasure galleon buried in the mud of Tobermory Bay. Ancient legend, not entirely substantiated by historical research, says there are 30,000,000 gold ducats (\$68,700,000) aboard.

Y.F.C. MAGAZINE REACHES CIRCULATION PEAK

CHICAGO, Illinois.—The Youth for Christ magazine reached an all-time peak circulation of 65,000 copies in its January, 1950, issue. Dr. Robert A. Cook, president of Youth for Christ International, revealed recently. Ken Anderson, well known fiction and non-fiction author, is editor of the magazine. Mel Larson, author of a number of biographies, is associate editor, and Harry F. Jaeger, circulation and advertising manager.

IRATE HUSBAND SHOTS MAN IN POLICE STATION

PRINCETON, W. Va.—Frazier Harless, 24-year-old Bluefield, W. Va., truck driver, took another man's wife to a drive-in movie last night in his truck.

Her husband spied them. Harless drove quickly to the Princeton police station for refuge. He and Mrs. Eva Carper, 30, scampered up the stairs to the desk sergeant's office. There were two shots. Harless tumbled down the steps and died of wounds in the back.

"Sure, I killed him and I'm not sorry," Patrolman A. E. French quoted Irving Carper, 36-year-old strip miner.

The husband is charged with murder.

IT WOULD TAKE 246,000 MEN TO TOTE THE MONEY U. S. SPENDS IN A YEAR

By ARTHUR EDSON
Associated Press Staff Writer.

Washington.—If it took six men to carry off \$1,000,000 in the great Boston Brink's robbery, how many men would it take to lug away the amount of money this country spends each year?

The answer to this question, and many another interesting nugget, can be found in today's issue of the "Congressional Record."

Rep. Scrivner (Rep., Kans.) supplied the financial statistics.

He said the Federal budget is \$41,000,000,000.

"So if it takes six men to carry \$1,000,000 in paper bills, it would take 246,000 men to move the \$41,000,000,000," he said.

But suppose it were in silver dollars?

Scrivner had the answer to that one, too. "Put 1,000 silver dollars to a sack," he told the House. "Each sack would weigh 58.93 pounds, so one man could carry two sacks. To sack the budget of \$41,000,000,000 would require 41,000,000 sacks of \$1,000 each, and at two sacks per man it would take 20,500,000 men to move it.

"This is more than the population of 23 states and the District of Columbia in the 1940 census—more than the population of California, Nevada, and New York."

Scrivner's conclusion:

"Any way you look at it, \$41,000,000,000 is a lot of dough."

THE RAZOR'S EDGE

William Howard Taft was a Federal Circuit Judge in Ohio, when he found himself in a barber's chair one morning. "You're Judge Taft, aren't you?" asked the barber as he lathered the Justice's face.

"Yes, I am," Taft replied, comfortably settling his considerable bulk.

"Remember a man by the name of Stebbins? You gave him 20 years." The barber was stroping a razor with unusual care. He was a big, swarthy man, Taft noticed, with an ugly scar from temple to jaw.

"Yes, I remember Stebbins," answered the Justice. "A bad boy."

"He's my brother," said the barber as he laid his razor to the judicial neck. For the next few minutes, the only sound in the

little barber shop was the scraping of the razor. Judge Taft felt himself begin to sweat as the sharp steel was drawn back and forth over his jaw and throat. He shut his eyes, contemplated the life eternal, and—waited.

Finally the barber stepped back, closed his razor with a snap. "Well, Judge," he said. "You did right. My brother is a no-good bum. Belongs in jail anyhow."

—Herbert L. Maris

Cost of Medical Care

Out of the average consumer's dollar, 4 cents goes for medical care in the United States. According to a Twentieth Century Fund report, more than half of this covers the services of doctors, dentists, nurses and others, while the rest goes for drugs, appliances and hospitals.

STATE CAMP MEETING for IOWA and NEBRASKA

July 24-30

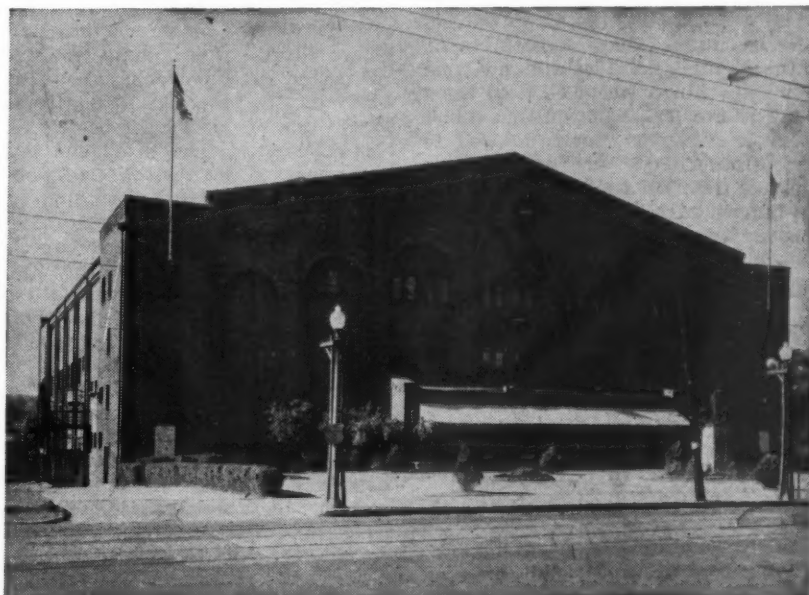
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OUR ASSEMBLY MEETS HERE



The Assembly is a GREAT EVENT, AUGUST 22-27, at the MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM, Birmingham, Alabama.

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Make your plans now to attend and enjoy this great gathering of Pentecostal people. Arrange for your vacation at this time and get better

acquainted with God and His people. The Church has made rapid progress since the last Assembly, come and meet your brethren and sisters in the Lord. That in itself will be a great blessing, besides the great preaching, great singing, great praying, great fellowship, great healings, great experiences. Ask the Lord to send great results in decisions for God and His Church, and may this be our greatest Assembly for the salvation of souls. Will you fast and pray that God may be glorified in this gathering, His name exalted, His kingdom more established, and His Church advanced? "Without him, we can do nothing."—H. L. Chesser, General Overseer.

Revivals

CLAYTON, N. C.—We have just experienced the greatest revival the Church of God here has ever known. Our evangelist was Rev. W. P. Pope, Jr., of Erwin, N. C. God used him in a wonderful way in each service. He preached the Word of God just like it is, backed by the Holy Ghost. Forty-eight were saved, 32 sanctified, 9 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 36 added to the church. This almost doubled our membership, for which we praise the Lord. One woman came to our revival and said she had never been to Sunday School before. God wonderfully saved her and her husband and they both became members of our church. There is nothing too hard for the Lord, if we will only trust Him. All things are possible to them that believe. Those of you that desire a good evangelist would do well to get Brother Pope. He is a humble man of God. We are expecting things to happen here that have never happened before. Although the revival has closed, the revival spirit is still going.—William Walker, Reporter.

CLYDE, N. C.—Through the fervent prayers of the church and its pastor, Brother James McKinney, God sent an old-time Holy Ghost revival to the Church of God here. The revival was conducted by Sister Irene Hillhouse, evangelist, who recently returned from God's work in Missouri. Her return here was certainly directed by God, as He blessed by saving 27, sanctifying 16, and baptizing 10 with the Holy Ghost. Seven united with the church. We thank God for His blessings here.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—We had a great revival at Alton Park, with Rev. W. H. Henry, state overseer of Missouri, as the evangelist. Brother Henry preached every night under the anointing power of the Holy Ghost and his messages were deep and stirring. The crowds were larger than any we have had in this pastorate. Some nights Brother Henry did not get to preach. The Holy Ghost took charge and the altar filled. This was not a warming-over revival, but most of those who prayed through were new ones. Seventy-two were saved, 29 sanctified, 23 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 36 added to the

church. The revival has not closed, although Brother Henry has returned home.—W. G. Landrome, Pastor.

CONESTEE, S. C.—We have just had a two weeks' revival, with Brother Ed Johnson, a retired minister; Brother Arthur Davis, one of our members; and our pastor, Brother J. K. Ashley, doing the preaching. Twenty-seven were saved, 15 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 9 added to the church. We also broke our Sunday School record, which was 121. We had 131 the last Sunday of the revival. The church was greatly blessed.—Louise Bond.

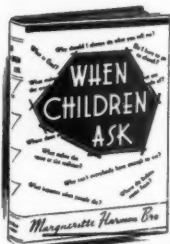
WHEELER, Miss.—We praise the Lord for the glorious revival we have had here. This revival started March 19 and continued for three weeks. Rev. Elbert Sloan, of Arkansas, assisted our pastor, Brother Webb, in the first week of the revival. Rev. George Tingle, one of our former pastors, of Meadville, Miss., conducted the last two weeks of the revival. God wonderfully blessed. Fifteen were saved, 13 sanctified, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 15 added to the church. One night of the service the Holy Ghost took charge and people ran to the altar to seek a blessing from God. The altar was full of people every night, averaging about 20 or more. During this revival, many of our young people were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. We thank God for our good pastor, Rev. S. B. Webb, and his family. They certainly have been a blessing to us.—Opal Duncan, Reporter.

LOMA, Colo.—For four glorious week we were in a wonderful revival in Loma, with a 15-year-old boy, Rayburn Purifoy, doing the preaching. God met with us in a wonderful

way, although we didn't have any advertisement at all except by word of mouth. People came from all over the valley to witness the mighty outpouring of God's Spirit. Practically every Pentecostal church in this valley was represented in this meeting at different times.

As the Church of God is new here, people are a little skeptical about us, but we feel this revival has broken up a lot of prejudice against us. In fact, people are wanting us to start more churches. Some said they never saw God bless young people and children as He did in our services. Results of this meeting: 14 saved, 15 sanctified, 17 filled with the Holy Ghost. I believe with only one exception they were all under 35 years old. Most of them had come from 15 to 25 miles to services, so you see what a fertile field there is out here, just waiting for labourers to sow and to reap this great harvest. God is really working. At the only other church in our community, which is Presbyterian, they are having more than they have in 20 years. People who haven't gone to church for years are trying to ease their conscience by going there. We have ceased to be on the defensive and have decided to take the offensive. We are going right into enemy territory and we expect by God's grace never to retreat, as we have a Captain that never lost a battle.

As you read this, if God lays this field on your heart in anyway, whether in prayer or labour or finance, be obedient to God, for it is all needed. We thank God for a good overseer and his wife, Brother and Sister W. J. Cothorn, and all the fine people God has given us out here, as well as the ones we feel He is going to give us.—Nezzie Clark, Pastor, Loma Church of God.



WHEN CHILDREN ASK

By Marguerite Harmon Bro

Why should I always do what you tell me? What is God? What makes the weather? Do I have to go to church? What are stars made of? Where does my oatmeal go? What makes the noise in the radiator? Why can't everybody have enough to eat? What happens when people die? Where do babies come from? It has been said that the success of parents depends largely on how they answer their children's questions. Most usually they reply to questions and not answer them. Price \$2.00.

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... They Say ...

In Everything Give Thanks

It was the custom of John Angel James to read Psalm 103 at family prayer every Saturday evening. On the Saturday of the week in which his wife died, after a moment's hesitation, he looked up and said: "Notwithstanding what has happened this week, I see no reason for departing from our usual custom of reading Psalm 103."—Selected.

A Songful Religion

Christianity is the only religion that abounds in song. Atheism is songless; agnosticism has nothing to sing about; the various forms of idolatry are not tuneless; but Judaism said, "Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord"; and when Christ came, the angels greeted His birth with a song, and since then Christian song has gained in fulness and strength of voice with each century.—Selected.

The life and death of our Lord Jesus Christ is a standing rebuke to every form of pride to which men are liable.

Pride of birth and rank. "Is not this the carpenter's son?"

Pride of wealth. "The Son of man hath not where to lay his head."

Pride of respectability. "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

Pride of reputation. "A friend of publicans and sinners."

Pride of learning. "How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?"

Pride of superiority. "I am among you as he that serveth."

Pride of success. "He was despised and rejected of men."

Pride of ability. "I can of mine own self do nothing."

Pride of self-will. "I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me."

Pride of intellect. "As my Father hath taught me, I speak these things."

Pride in death. "He became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Bogy of Chance

By George Matthew Adams

Things were in a very chaotic state in the United States right after the Revolution. There was a great deal of discussion, pro and con, as to the new Constitution. Finally, it was adopted. But there were wise ones in that day who saw into the future and so made provisions for changes in that Constitution—provisions that it could be changed, or amended.

From that small nation, made up of the original 13 colonies, the United States has grown to the most powerful nation in the world. Change after change has been wrought, yet that constitution stands as one of the great documents in all world history, after 150 years, largely because it was made amendable to change as events warranted.

I read of many instances of change after the many failures of the early thirties. One man, who owned a magnificent mansion on Long Island, had to give it up. He was a great engineer and had created many fine and useful projects that continued to benefit thousands of human beings. He did not regret the change from great wealth to humble living, for, said he, "I have the inspiration of all that I did in attaining that wealth, to keep me happy for so long as I live."

Another instance was of a man who lost all but a small amount of money, which he invested in a small farm in the country, where he planted flowers and shrubbery and raised chickens, and remarked that finally he had found happiness.

My Parish

I must have a whole Christ for my salvation. I must have a whole Bible for my staff. I must have a whole Church for my fellowship. I must have a whole world for my parish.—John Wesley.

The Love of Christ

"The love of Christ, which passeth knowledge" (Eph. 3:19).

Can ye count me the leaves on the forest tree?
Or the sands on the sea-washed shore?

Or the flowers bedecking the fragrant lea?
Or the grains of the harvest store?
If ye can, I can tell you His love to me
Who died for my sins on Calvary's tree.

Can ye number the locks of glossy hair
On the blooming, youthful head?

Can ye count me each particular star,
Which shines when the day is sped?
If ye can, I can tell you His love to me
Who died for my sins on Calvary's tree.

Can ye number the blades of grass which grow
In the meadows all around?

Or the sparkling, glittering drops of dew
At the sun's uprising found?
If ye can, I can tell you His love to me
Who died for my sins on Calvary's tree.

Can ye count the rays of light which flow
From the fount of light above?

Or the drops which, heaving to and fro,
O'er the ocean's caverns move?
If ye can, I can tell you His love to me
Who died for my sins on Calvary's tree.

Ye cannot! and oh, I cannot tell
The depth of the love divine

Which rescued my soul from death and hell,
And tells me that heaven is mine!
Deep, vast, unknown, is His love to me
Who died for my sins on Calvary's tree.
—A. M., in Living Streams.

A famous atheist once said: "I can stand all the arguing of Christian apologists; but I have a little servant who is a disciple of Jesus, and her pure, honest, truthful life staggers me sometimes." The one irresistible argument for the gospel's truth and power is a regenerated and consecrated life.—Banner.

Before Pentecost Peter was warming his hands in the high priest's house. After Pentecost he was warming the hearts of three thousand.

A Holy Censer

Perfume is the sweetness that naturally exhalates from the flower. Incense is the fragrance that comes from the touch of fire and tells of a great transformation. There is in the personal character often the perfume naturally, sweetness of temper, and acquired charm of manner. But this is not incense. This is but the glory of the flesh.

Incense is that heavenly touch that comes to the heart that has been surrendered to God, crucified with Christ, that has gone through death and resurrection, and that has upon it the marks of the fire from God's altar. It is not sweetness of natural temperament but of divine love. God make each of our hearts a holy censer breathing out of the fragrance of His peace, His patience, His chastened joy, His all-enduring love.—A. B. Simpson.

To be 70 years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be 40 years old.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Sow the Gospel

Sow in the wild waste places, though none thy love may own. God guides the down of the thistle, the wandering wind hath sown. Will Jesus chide thy weakness, or call thy labour vain? The Word that for Him thou bearest, shall return to Him again. Sow with thy heart in heaven, thy strength thy Master's might, till the wild waste places blossom in the warmth of a Saviour's light.

United We Stand

Let the people of God everywhere unite in prayer and faith for such a manifestation of the power of God that the demon forces now powerfully working to destroy the efforts of the Church towards world evangelization will themselves be destroyed.

Let us ministers stop giving out highly per-

fumed theories, often without enough Gospel to enable lost sinners to find Christ, and let us unite in calling the people back to God!

Let the priests, the ministers of God, weep between the porch and altar. Let us repent of our foolishness, softness and worldliness. Let us put ourselves back in touch with those many channels of grace through which the power of the Holy Spirit poured Himself into the souls of the apostles. We need a new day of Pentecost! We need a new Reformation!

When we learn how to pray we will find ourselves coming under the greatest outpouring of the Spirit since the days of the apostles,—an outpouring dated to complete our preparation for the rapture of the Church and the ushering in of the day of the Lord.

O brother, get the flame! Join the mighty army marching in His Name. He who died for you demands a love the same. O brother, get the flame of Jesus!—A. G. Ward.

"The men who try to do something and fail are better than those who try to do nothing and succeed."

The Love of Christ

"I can imagine Jesus saying," said Dwight L. Moody, "Go search out the man who put the crown of thorns on My brow; tell him I will have a crown for him in My kingdom if he will receive the grace of salvation; and there shall not be a thorn in it. Find out that man who took the reed from My hand and smote My head, driving the thorn deeper into My brow. Tell him I want to give him a scepter. Go seek out that poor soldier who drove the spear into My side; tell him there is a nearer way to My heart than that! Tell him I want to make him a soldier of the Cross and that My banner over him shall be LOVE."

Was Melchizedek a Man or a Heavenly Being?

Answer: Melchizedek was a man who descended from one of the sons of Noah, in whom were united the kingly and priestly offices. He was king of Salem, and priest of God. In this he is a very fitting type of Christ, who is both Priest and King. Perhaps Salem is the same as Jerusalem. His priesthood was chosen as a more suitable type of priesthood of Christ, than the Aaronic order. Melchizedek was a contemporary of Abraham. We are not to understand that he did not actually have any parents or beginning and end in life. It simply means, that there is no record of his father and mother, birth and death. That is, his pedigree or descent is not recorded in history. This is unusual for a man so great as he was, but God ordered it this way so he might be a more suitable type of Christ. In the Aaronic priesthood, it was necessary for one to prove his descent from Levi. The priesthood of Melchizedek is perpetuated in Christ. As man, Christ did not have a father, and as God, He was without mother.—Dr. P. P. Brookan.

Christ's Words

You never get to the end of Christ's words. There is something in them always behind. They pass into proverbs—they pass into laws—they pass into doctrines—they pass into consolations; but they never pass away, and after all the use that is made of them, they are still not exhausted.—Dean Stanley.

"In darkness there is no choice. It is light that enables us to see the difference between things; and it is Christ that gives us light."

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OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.



STEWART

Brother Opie R. Stewart, born June 25, 1908, prominent member of the Alabama City Church of God for 23 years, passed on to a Christian's reward March 12, 1950. He was well known and well loved throughout the churches in this vicinity, and was respected as a true Christian by his many friends and associates. Brother Stewart had contributed much to the success of the Alabama City church and surrounding churches, where he had worked untiringly in promoting the musical program, he being a music teacher. You who knew him know that he was a devoted Christian, loved God and His Church, and was always firm in his convictions.

Brother Stewart became afflicted with a dreadful disease, unfamiliar to medical science, and suffered untold misery for approximately 18 months. During this prolonged suffering he displayed such patience and courage as to keep fighting though the odds were against him. The doctor informed him that anything they could do would be experimental and that they knew nothing about his disease since he was about the 4th person in medical history to have such a disease. Brother Stewart contended that God could heal him unless He was through with him in his work here.

His funeral was conducted at the

Alabama City Church of God by Revs. G. W. Hodges, J. D. McCay, J. A. Brown, and Hallmark.

He leaves a faithful wife and three children who look forward to a reunion in the skies, and he will be greatly missed by his home church for many years to come.—Rev. J. D. McCay, Assistant Pastor, Alabama City Church of God.

DAVIS

Sister Fannie Davis, age 79 years, passed away to be with Jesus, March 14, 1950. She was one of the charter members of the Church of God at Branford, Fla., having been a member for around 37 years. She was a precious saint in the Lord and a faithful member and worker in the church. She was still working for her Lord until just a few days before her passing. Funeral services were conducted by a former pastor, C. W. Cole, of Cross City, Fla., and the pastor, Ralph Miller, at the Church of God in Branford, Fla. She leaves behind her 2 sons and 3 daughters, 17 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and a host of friends.—Eunice Hudson.

EVANS

Edward A. Evans, a faithful member of the Church of God at Alvin, Ill., went home to be with Jesus on March 27, at the age of 78 years. We know our loss is heaven's gain. His funeral was conducted by his son-in-law, Rev. J. R. Berry, of Kansas City, Kans., assisted by Rev. Emmett Hanson, his pastor, and Rev. Norman Tony, of the Christian Church. He was loved by all who knew him and will be missed.—His daughter, Mrs. J. R. Berry, Kansas City, Kans.

COYNE

Little Patsy Ann Coyne, of Wardline, La., died Aug. 7, 1949, at the age of 1 year, 6 months, and 9 days. She leaves to mourn her passing her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Coyne, 2 sister, 2 brothers, one grandparent and her many uncles and aunts. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. Warren E. Colman, pastor of the Wardline Church.

RICHARDS

Mr. George W. Richards was born Jan. 22, 1880, and died Oct. 11, 1949. He left to mourn his death his wife and 9 children, all Christians. He was a member of the Church of God. He loved God and trusted Him for all.

His funeral was conducted by Rev. E. R. Heaton, former pastor of the Williamstown, W. Va., Church of God, assisted by Rev. Musick, pastor of the Clarksburg, W. Va., Church of God.—Porter Richards, Pastor of Whitmer and Job, W. Va., Churches of God.

LONG

Little Mary Darleen Long fell asleep in Jesus Friday night, March 31, 1950, at the age of 3 years. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit H. Long, of Comers Rock, Va. She loved to go to Sunday School and listened to religious services over the radio; a favorite song of hers was "Heaven-bound Train." Her funeral was conducted by Rev. Lonnie P. Shaw and Rev. Head, the pastor.—Her Mother.

GRABKE

Brother E. J. Grabke, Detroit, Mich., a faithful member of the Church of God at East Detroit, went home to be with the Lord January 12. He left a loving wife, 4 daughters, 4 sons, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death. He will be sadly missed by the church, but we feel our loss is heaven's gain. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, W. Carl Milligan, at the Church of God.—Mrs. Carl Milligan.

WILSON

Brother M. P. Wilson, born April 22, 1904, departed this life March 27, 1950. Brother Wilson was a member of the Church of God for about 25 years, or ever since the church was organized here. He leaves a wife, a mother, and 5 children. Our loss is heaven's gain. His funeral was conducted at the Church of God in Macon, Ga., by Brother J. A. Bixler, our pastor, and Brother Paul Stover, a former pastor.—Glynn Griffin, Church Clerk.

CROLEY

William Alonzo Croley, of Emlyn, Ky., departed this life April 3, 1950, at the age of 58 years. He was a faithful member of the Church of God at Williamsburg, Ky., and was loved by all who knew him. He had a stroke while at church. He gave a wonderful testimony that night. I visited him often during the 2½ weeks that he lived after that, and he told me he had made everything ready for the crossing. He left his wife, 9 sons, 4

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believe, hundreds in the Church of God would do should the test come.

Again, the cross is the Christian's occupation, as set forth in Heb. 12:1-3, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

No greater text has any preacher ever used than that which occupied the mind, heart, thoughts, and ministry of Paul the apostle, "I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified," 1 Cor. 2:2. Then, to prove that he was capable of preaching on such a subject, he said, "I am crucified with Christ: never-

theless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me," Gal. 2:20. Therefore, the cross is the Christian's message.

The cross, however, is of no spiritual value separated from Christ's death on it; therefore, in the plan of redemption Christ is inseparable from the cross. Paul said, "We preach Christ crucified," 1 Cor. 1:23.

May I ask, Has there ever been a subject used by all the preachers of all time, and has there ever been a subject that has produced more lasting and eternal results? The answer by everyone surely is no; for, it makes no difference which way we look at Christ, whether it is through the prophecies before His birth, His life up to His ministry and during His ministry, or since His resurrection and ascension, we always see the cross. The cross and Christ's death on the cross will continue to cast the only shadows over this world that are filled with the hope of eternal life as long as time shall last.

OBITUARIES

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daughters, 7 grandchildren, 2 brothers, 6 sisters, and a host of friends. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, and his former pastor, Rev. Bill C. Goodman, assisted by Starling Smith and A. T. Siler, at the Church of God in Williamsburg. His body was laid to rest in the family cemetery on his farm.—Walter Wilhite, Pastor.

COLE

Our dear mother, Martha Ann Cole, passed away at the age of 87 years. She received the Holy Ghost in August, 1918, at Clark's Chapel. She leaves to mourn her parting 5 children, 21 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren, and 16 great-great-grandchildren.—Her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Swain.

MIXON

Shirley Mixon passed away May 7, 1950, at the age of 15 years. She was a member of the Church of God in Maplewood, Ill., and had a deep experience with the Lord. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, with Rev. N. A. Jordan assisting.—Olen Greathouse, Pastor.

HOGAN

Maude Della Hogan, a native of Hamilton County, was born Dec. 19, 1897, and died Feb. 21, 1950, at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Henderson, Jasper, Fla. She was a member of the Church of God at Jasper for 17 years. She leaves to mourn her passing 2 sons, 1 daughter, 2 sisters, 1 brother, 8 grandchildren, and many relatives and a host of friends. Her sickness has been the means of sev-

eral being brought to the Lord. Her funeral was conducted at the Church of God at Jasper, Fla., by her pastor, Rev. A. R. Heaston.

McDOWELL

Mrs. Nancy McDowell died Sept. 23, 1949. She was a faithful servant of God and a member of the Assembly Church of God at Cedar Springs, Ga.—Mrs. J. W. McDowell.

BAXLEY

A. D. Baxley, born July 24, 1919, departed this life April 29, 1950. His funeral was conducted by Rev. H. F. Douglas at the Church of God in Dillon, S. C.—His mother, Ella Baxley.

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